

CAPSULE SUMMARY
Mt. Pleasant AME Church
BA-654
235 Tollgate Road
Baltimore County, MD

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The Mt. Pleasant AME Church is also included in the Belltown African American Survey District (BA-3069).

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐ no ☒

Property Name: Mt. Pleasant AME Church Inventory Number: BA-654
Address: 235 Tollgate Road Historic district: yes ☒ no ☐
City: Owings Mills Zip Code: 21117-3223 County: Baltimore County
USGS Quadrangle(s): Reisterstown
Property Owner: Mt Pleasant AME Church A MD Corp Tax Account ID Number: 2400010185
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 425 + 272 Tax Map Number: 58
Project: BA451A11 Agency: SHA
Agency Prepared By: McCormick Taylor, Inc.
Preparer's Name: Jerry Clouse Date Prepared: 2/13/2009
Documentation is presented in: Elizabeth Anderson Comer/Archeology 2008
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended ☐
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: Belltown African American Survey District
Inventory Number: BA-3096 Eligible: yes Listed: yes
Site visit by MHT Staff yes ☒ no ☐ Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

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Ordinarily, cemeteries and religious structures are not considered eligible for the National Register unless they meet certain criteria exceptions. As a relatively modest late twentieth century church, the Mt. Pleasant AME Church does not possess exceptional architectural significance. The adjoining cemetery is not known to possess graves of persons of transcendent importance, from age, from distinctive design features, or from association with historic events.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

MHT Comments:

John J. Lawrence
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

6/17/09
Date

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Reviewer, National Register Program

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Date

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Mt. Pleasant AME Church is not historically significant. The property is not directly associated with events or patterns significant to local, state, or national history (Criterion A). The property is not associated with any person important to local, state, or national history (Criterion B). The building does not possess exceptional characteristics of homes of the period, is not a work of a master, and does not possess high artistic value (Criterion C). The property does not appear likely to yield significant archaeological information about history or prehistory (Criterion D). Mt. Pleasant AME Church is recommended not individually eligible for inclusion in the NRHP. This property was previously a center of the African American community of Belttown.

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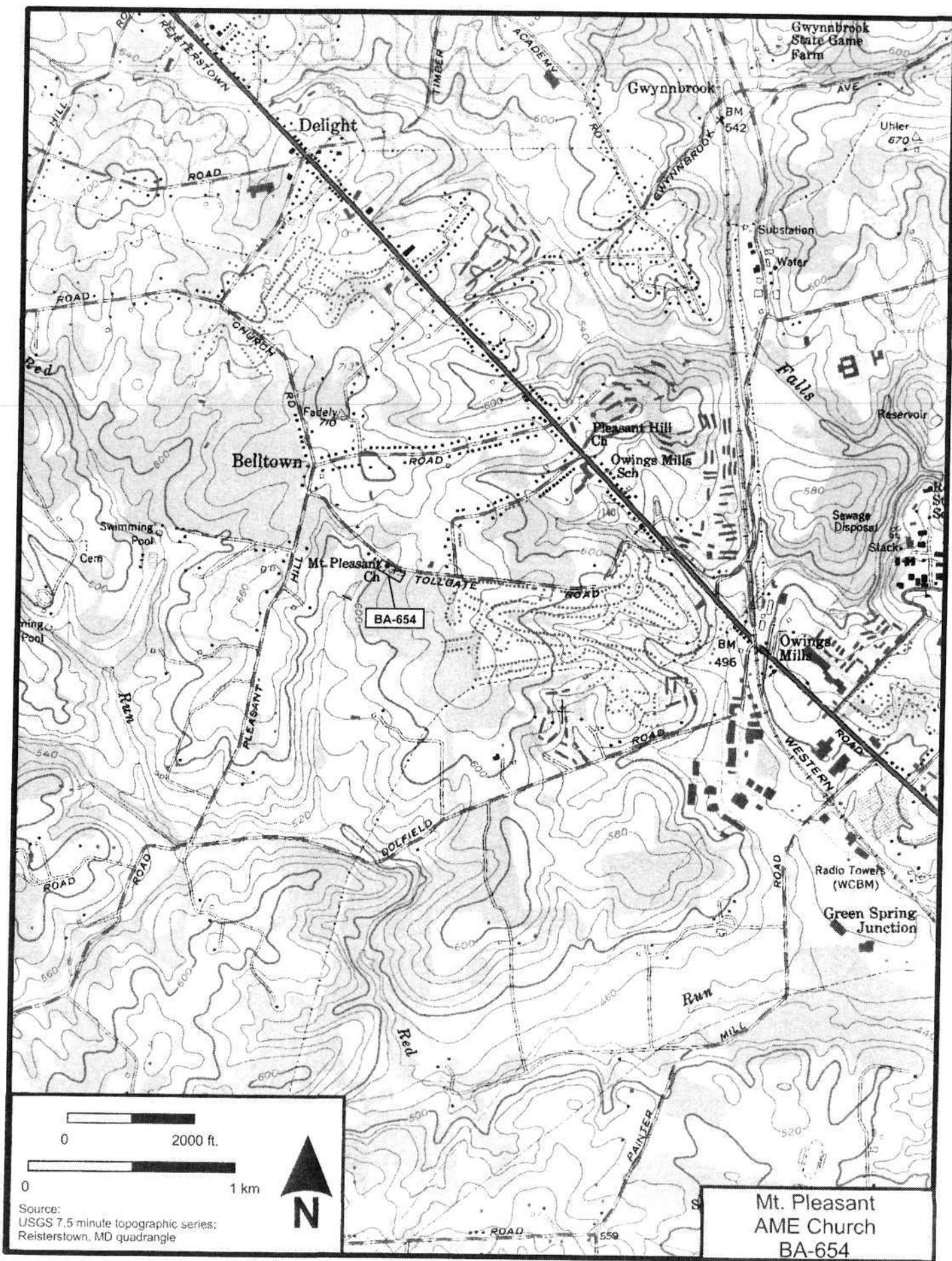
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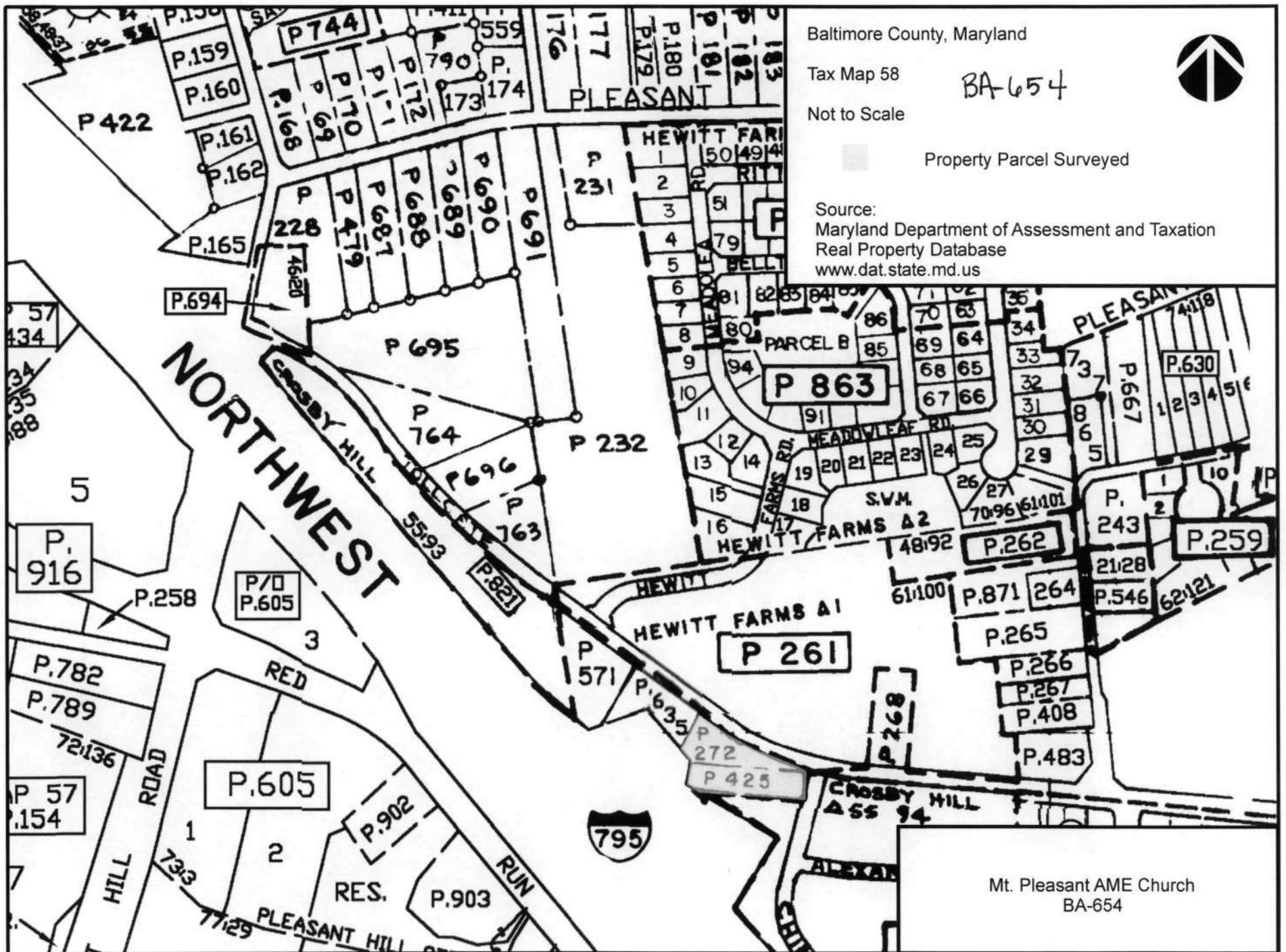
Criteria: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services_____
Date_____
Reviewer, National Register Program_____
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View Looking northwest toward south and
east elevations of church

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View Looking southeast along Tollgate Rd
toward Mt Pleasant AME Church.

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View looking southeast at Mt Pleasant
AME Church cemetery.

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1884

Mount Pleasant AME Church
235 Tollgate Road
(1 mile west of Reisterstown Road)
Owings Mills

This is a rectangular brick church with a vestibule, a nave three bays deep, and a small meeting room at the rear. The vernacular style church has pointed-arched windows of stained glass and a gable roof covered with green rubber roofing. It is in excellent condition. The cornerstone reads "1884/A.M.E." but this building was in recent years (before 1973) sheathed in fresh new brick. The land was purchased by the trustees of Bethal Church in 1867. There is a cemetery adjoining the church.